

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 6, 9, and 10 have been canceled and claims 1, 7, 8, and 11 have been amended. New claim 19 has been added. A fee for an additional small entity base claim is included herein. Claims 1-5, 7-8, 11-14, and 19 remain in the case.

The applicant appreciated the thoroughness of the review by Examiner Gary C. Graham.

A petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and payment thereof for a two-month extension is attached hereto.

Election/Restrictions

The election of Group I, claims 1-14 is noted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, and 13 were rejected under various references (both issued patents and a published application). Claim 1 has been amended pursuant to an indication of allowable subject matter, and is described in greater detail hereinafter. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to be overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested of the remaining claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

Claim 5 was rejected as unpatentable over Kelly (published application). Claim 1, from which claim 5 depends, has been amended pursuant to an indication of allowable subject matter, and is described in greater detail hereinafter. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to be overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested of the remaining claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 14 is allowed. Thank you.

Claims 10 and 12 were rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten.

The limitations of now canceled claim 10 and intervening canceled claims 9 and 6 have been included in base claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be in condition of allowance. Remaining dependent claims 2-5, 7-8, and 11-13 include the limitations of claim 1 and are also therefore believed to be in condition of allowance. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to be overcome and reconsideration is respectfully requested of the remaining claims.

The limitations of original claim 12 and intervening claims 11, 9, and 6 have been combined into new claim 19. Accordingly, new claim 19 is believed to be in condition of allowance and consideration thereof is respectfully requested.

All remaining edits to the claims were to correct errors in antecedent basis as a result of canceling certain claims herein.

Conclusion:

The conclusion is noted. Thank you for the information. Certain of the prior art made of record and not relied upon that is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure

has been reviewed by the undersigned, but is deemed no more relevant than the applied references.

As all remaining claims 1-5, 7-8, 11-14, and 19 appear to be in condition of allowance, reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested, and a notice of allowance is courteously urged at the earliest time.

The applicant appreciates the opportunity to communicate by telephone with the Examiner, if necessary. Please continue to direct all correspondence to the correspondence address and telephone as shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Risto A. Rinne, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Risto A. Rinne, Jr.
Reg. # 37,055

2173 East Francisco Blvd.
Suite E
San Rafael, CA 94901

1-415-457-6933